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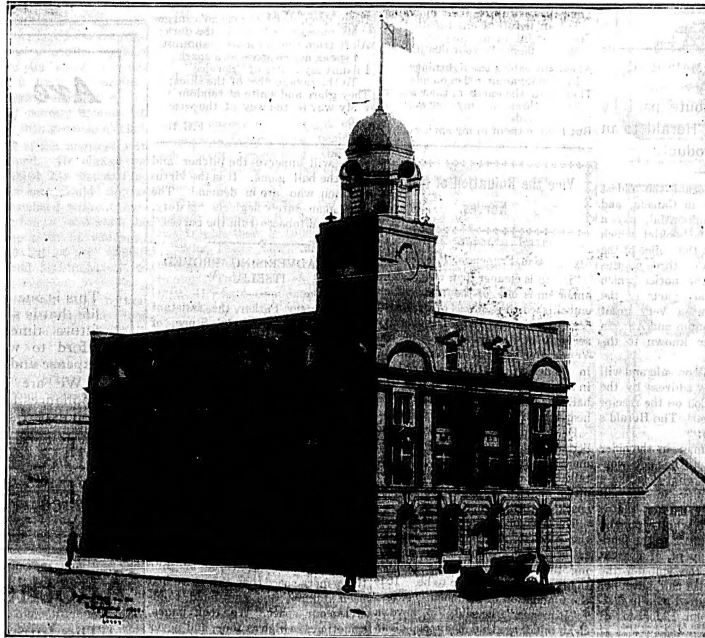
In the course of an interview with the special correspondent of The New York World last month, Lord Welby, one of the highest financial authorities in Britain, made several remarks which have come in for a great deal of attention. Before his elevation to the peerage he had been permanent under-secretary of the treasury, and in that capacity practically controlled the Imperial exchequer for twenty years. Mr. Gladstone relied much on Lord Welby's judgment, and on several occasions paid high tribute to his superior qualifications. As chairman of the London County Council, Lord Welby was largely responsible for the organization of its business and finances.

After referring to the inter-dependence of the world's financial centers and deprecating hasty and ill-adviced legislation Lord Welby discussed the need of reform in the United States currency system and recommended in the first place that the advice of an expert commission be obtained. Chouse, he said, a body of men, disinterested men who understand the subject thoroughly, and above all men who have the confidence of the public and let them draft the needed reforms." He then added, "To my mind one of the greatest evils in any nation is the influence of pernicious lobbying on behalf of special interests." One important thing he thought was lacking in the United States—concentrated, forceful public opinion. "Your people," he said, "do not seem to put into practical effect their condemnations. THEY PERMIT EVILS TO CONTINUE AND PATRONIZE THEM BECAUSE OF THE TEMPORARY PROFITS THEY DERIVE. They do not always withdraw their support and frown down practices that are wrong."

Here we have the weak spot in all popular government indicated. It is as apparent in Canada as anywhere else. The mass of voters cannot see beyond what has an immediate effect upon them. The manufacturers, the farmers, the forces of organized labor, and every other special interest, exert themselves to affect legislation so as to further their own ends. Each class threatens the politicians with a withdrawal of its support, if they do not accede to its wishes and the result is that purely class legislation accumulates year after year. The laws are not changed with a view to the ultimate good of the whole country, but simply as it is deemed that this or that section of the population requires that a concession be made to it.

This is not the way to build up a great nation or put our prosperity on a permanent basis. What we need is the creation of a body of intelligent voters, whose demands are prompted solely by their ideas of what is for the general welfare. Till this element becomes larger and more powerful, we cannot expect governments to abandon the pernicious system that they are now following. The word "graft" is not altogether to our liking because we know that it springs too lightly to the lips of most people and there is too much of a disposition to lay it at the doors of everyone whose policy disagrees with. But it serves to describe the spirit that is generally prevalent in politics on this continent. Nearly everyone, who takes an interest in public affairs, is looking for something, either a public office, or a government contract, or a legislative enactment, which will benefit himself and those associated with him in business. We doubt whether at any stage in the world's history, the poet's ideal prevailed, when "none were for the party, and all were for the State." But this is a condition that we need to see brought about before government

Edmonton's New Post Office Building



The above is the first cut to be produced of the \$250,000 post office building, now being erected at the corner of McDougall and Rice Streets, Edmonton. The photo from which it was taken was made from the drawings of the architect. When completed, it will be the largest building in the city and is not likely to surrender the first place till the Parliament buildings, which are to cost a million and a quarter dollars, are ready for occupation. The post office structure will be a notable one in more than one way. In years to come when people talk about the alleged severity of our winter climate, it will be sufficient to point to this building and tell how it was erected almost wholly during the winter months. In autumn the contractors were at the ground floor. Now it is nearly ready for roofing operations to begin. The work has been in charge of the May-Sharpe Construction Company and the energy which they have thrown into the work has done them much credit.

by the people can realize its fullest advantages. It has been the custom in many quarters to hold the party system, as it has existed in British countries for over two centuries past, up to scorn. We could never share the feelings of those who did this. As it is worked out in England, we believe that that system offers the best kind of government that is to be obtained under our institutions. It is by operating through one of the great political organizations, that the results of which Britishers have most reason to be proud have been brought about. The sentiment of party loyalty is not a thing to be afraid of, unless it is contaminated by that self-seeking, which makes the party but a cloak for the furthering of private ends. It is commercialism in politics and the organization of voters according to the calling that they pursue, that need to be fought nowadays.

Under the heading "His Politics no Bar" the Edmonton Bulletin has this to say: "The Saturday News strongly condemns the candidature of Mr. A. J. Robertson for the University Senate on the grounds that he is leader of the Opposition. We do not think this quite fair. Whatever may be Mr. Robertson's qualifications or disabilities, he should not be disqualified by being in the Legislature. Hon. Edward Blake was Chancellor of Toronto University while he was leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons. Sir Wm. Mulock was Vice-Chancellor of the same university and at the same time a prominent member of the Commons, and part of the time Postmaster-General. Sir W. R. Meredith was on the Senate of Toronto university while he was leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature. Nobody would attempt to argue

that these men have not rendered signal service to Toronto University, and the fact that they were active in the politics of the country in no way impaired their usefulness. "Mr. Robertson or no other man should be considered disqualified on such grounds. The News is in error in another particular, as Hon. Dr. Rutherford is a member ex-officio of the University Senate."

The Bulletin has lost the whole point of our article. We objected to Mr. Robertson as a Senator, not because he was a Conservative, opposed to the government. Such a position would be ridiculous. What we did object to was to having a member of the Legislature on the governing board of the university. There should be no politics at the meetings of the latter and we do not see how this can be avoided, if the membership includes those who, in another capacity, are bound to have the political effect of what they say in view, when they come to discuss university affairs. Mr. Robertson, the leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Robertson, the University Senator, could not be kept apart as two distinct personalities. His election to the Senate, just as that of any other member of the Legislature, would, we are confident, cause trouble for the new institution, from the outset.

The Bulletin refers to the connection of Mr. Blake and Sir William Mulock with the university of Toronto. Neither of these gentlemen was in provincial politics when they occupied the posts of chancellor and vice-chancellor. The House at Ottawa of which they were members has nothing to do with the University. As for Sir William Meredith, we have not the records before us but we are certain that he was never on the University Sen-

ate while the leader of the Ontario Opposition and that it was only after he had gone on the Bench that he had any official connection with the institution.

As to Dr. Rutherford's being an ex-officio member of the Senate of the University of Alberta, we do not imagine that it was intended that the Minister of Education should take an active part in its deliberations, and that he is allowed to attend its meetings merely in order to enable him to keep in touch with the work that it is doing. But even if this is the case, we think that the provision is one which should be annulled and that the University Act should be accordingly amended. The Senate, so that Act decrees, is to have "the entire management of and superintendence over all the affairs, concerns and property of the University." The government, which is directly responsible to the people, thus delegates this responsibility to a body, the majority of which are its appointees.

But, having chosen the best men that it can obtain for the posts, and having allowed the University graduates to elect a certain proportion of the membership, is the government likely to help the cause of efficiency by keeping a string on the Senate? This is what the ex-officio position of the Minister of Education would mean. It would be infinitely better to let the governing body thus constituted work out the details of administration unimpeded by those from whom it obtains its authority. This is the principle now being followed in Ontario. The Minister of Education has no place on either the Board of Governors or the Senate of the University of Ontario. Men of both sides of politics are represented on these bodies and there is no ground whatever for believing that politics is being mixed up with the affairs

of the institution. This is as it should be in Alberta. We want neither the leader of the Government nor the leader of the Opposition nor any other member of the Legislature among those who will have the direct control of our new seat of learning. Those who exercise this and those in whose hands the ultimate control must rest, should under no circumstances be the same persons.

"The London Gazette," so runs a despatch from the British capital, "announces that the King has been pleased to allow Miss Margaret Jane Lamb, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to receive the Edward medal of the first class in recognition of the gallant action of her brother, the late George Huddleston Lamb, who lost his life in endeavoring to save the lives of five men at a fire at the Strathcona company's mine, Alta., on June 8, 1907. There were two shafts in the mine, the hoisting shaft and the air shaft. The engineer of the mine woke Lamb up about 11.25 p.m. when the fire was discovered and told him there were five men in the mine. Lamb descended three times, once by the air shaft, and, having found the men, urged them to escape by the ladder, saying he would remain until they had ascended. One made the attempt but returned. Lamb himself then succeeded in reaching the surface, but his clothes were in flames and he died shortly after from the effects of his injuries. The others seemed to have endeavored to follow him, but failed either because they were overcome with smoke or the ladder was burned."

No more gallant deed ever received recognition from the Sovereign. It ranks with the greatest acts of heroism that live on the pages of our race's history. Should not something be done to

commemorate it locally? At least a tablet should be erected somewhere to let coming generations know that in our midst lived a man, who did so much to raise one's conception of the innate nobility of humanity. It is never a difficult matter to stir up the public to do honor to those who have taken the chances of life and death on the field of battle. But should we not try to counteract the idea that it is only war that produces heroes? George H. Lamb's act was to our mind an infinitely braver one than that of the vast majority of those who have won the Victoria Cross and it would be nothing short of a public disgrace of Edmonton and Strathcona allowed it to pass into oblivion.

Dr. T. H. Whitelaw has been appointed medical health officer for Edmonton in succession to Dr. Terman. Whether one should congratulate or commiserate with the doctor is a question. The post is no sinecure and, no matter how conscientiously or capably he discharges his duties, he may be certain that a large measure of criticism will come his way sooner or later. Of its importance, however, there is no question and the best wishes of all will go with him in his assumption of the office.

Hon. Frank Oliver at the recent meeting of the Press Association in Toronto made an epigrammatic observation which is being widely quoted, and very deservedly so. Discussing the size of newspapers and the effect which it was having on the pulp wood resources of the continent, he declared that the publishers were giving the people larger papers than were necessary or than they had a right to expect.

"The tendency," he went on, "is to use pulp instead of brains, while what the people want and what they are willing to pay for, is brains and the smallest amount of pulp."

"Less pulp, more brains" would be an excellent motto for the newspapers of the continent to adopt. If this spirit were acted upon, it would mean an improvement all round, better service for the public and more money in the pockets of the publishers.

Hon. Mr. Graham, Minister of Railways, speaking in the House of Commons the other day, gave some information which threw light on the choice of the Yellowhead as the pass through which the G.T.P. should run. The route, he declared, was cheaper and better than any other line from Edmonton to Prince Rupert. It would be 955 miles long and would cost \$42,115,500. This was cheaper than the estimate of the Pine River route by \$4,536,100, and cheaper than the Peace River route by \$6,251,000.

A great outcry has arisen in the Old Country over the letter which Lord Tweedmouth received from the German Emperor and the full force of anti-German sentiment is being directed towards the head of the First Lord of the Admiralty. The latter claims that the letter was purely a private one. That being the case, it is difficult to understand why any criticism should be directed towards the sender or receiver of the document. Of course, if its contents are known to some, and matters of public concern were dealt with, the situation is different. It would be obviously improper for the head of another nation to discuss affairs of importance to both through one of the British Sovereign's advisers. Fuller information regarding the mysterious missive will have to be forthcoming before the public on this side of the water at least can judge of the merits of the controversy.

Alberta has had to wait till March for its winter. Up till the present week the weather this season has been so remarkable that it is in our interests to let the world know of (Continued on page 4)

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SATURDAY, MARCH 11

A Striking Tribute paid by
the Montreal Herald to an
Edmonton product.

The Montreal Herald, the oldest
English newspaper in Canada, and
one of the most influential, pays a
striking tribute to the booklet, which
was published from the office of the
News Publishing Co. three months
ago and which, by the notice which
it has attracted in all parts of the
continent, has done a very great
deal to make Edmonton and Alberta
very much better known to the
outside world.

The booklet is still on sale and will
be forwarded to any address by the
News Publishing Co. on the receipt
of twenty-five cents. The Herald's
article is as follows:

"Is there any woman in the older
parts of Canada who has not won-
dered in her heart what it is like—
for the woman—to live in the ad-
vanced West? The mere fact that it
is a country almost wholly popu-
lated by men, gives it, to the femi-
nine eye, the allurements of a great
mystery; while to the spinster the
fact that any woman can have her
pick of several hundred men in mar-
riage makes it an Eldorado of promise.

"What, then, is the life of the
Woman of the West? Here is a Woman
of the West come forth to tell us.
Gertrude Palmer Watt is one of
the best known women journalists
in Canada. A constant contributor
to the press when her husband was
editor of the Woodstock Sentinel
Review, she had already made a
name for herself in Ontario when
she left with him to found the first
literary and social review in Al-
berta, the Edmonton Saturday
News. She is a mistress of the
supremely feminine literary art of
creating an atmosphere of little
things, of making a vivid picture of
common domestic life, of pick-
ing up the details that give it char-
acter, and presenting them in all
their natural freshness. We have
no intention of discounting Mrs.
Watt's work by informing our
readers what are the distinguishing
characteristics of feminine life be-
yond Manitoba: though we may be
permitted to say that they are not
nearly as "different" as they might
suppose. They can secure Mrs.
Watt's 'A Woman in the West' from
the Saturday News Office, Edmon-
ton, for twenty-five cents, post paid,
and though they will wish when
they have finished her delicate little
silhouettes that there were more
of them, they are not likely to have
any other grounds of complaint.

It is time that one half of Canada
ceased from not knowing how the
other half lives. If you cannot go
West yourself, let Mrs. Watt's book
be a white at least, by Mrs. Watt's book
and gain some idea of how fine and
how civilized life may be at the
most northerly main line railroad
station on the continent. By the
way, it is nearly time that Canada
had a Western domestic drama.
Possibly Mrs. Watt will be the writ-
er to give it to us.

Messrs Peters and Latimer have
been given the scavenging contract
by the Edmonton council. It is ex-
pected that a saving of \$14,265.35
will be effected in the cost of the
health department this year.

A 14 year old boy named Norman
Liscum was given the first sentence
to the provincial reformatory in Ed-
monton this week by Justice Har-
vey. The term was for three years.
Liscum stole a bicycle. Till the
reformatory is athletic pleasure, he will
be confined at the barracks in Fort
Saskatchewan.

The Heaven are torn when the Levin's born,
But the earth gave me birth—and man.

Along the shores of Niagara,
And up the Lakes to Detroit,
And inland far to the cities,
And out to the channel-buoy,
I race on my unscen errand
Till I blaze into fire at a check,
Transmuted from silence to service,
Transformed at the buyers' beck.

Where the Turbines roar in the
tunnels
Is the breeding place of my fires;
The magnets whirl at their bidding
And store me in their wires;
The house is full of their humming,
The air is full of my breath,
The air is full of my fury—
Mishandle me to your death!

Above my cables the lightnings
Play wild among the clouds,
They smite the earth in their anger.
They threaten my network of
shrouds;
But I catch them in my springs,

I gather them in my net,
And my light but shines the brighter
As the thunder wastes its fret.

Where the looms in the factory
quiver
Where the foundry crucibles boil
And glow like a glimpse of Gehenna,
I carry and measure and toil;
When the weary worker turns
homeward,

I bear him along on his way,
Till he sits by my light at his table,
And without, by my light, is day.

Deen, deep, neath the ocean's surges
My message is borne in the dark;
Aloft from the tall mast's summit
I speak across space at a spark;
I taunt my motto of "Service";
To savage fires of the skies;
They glare and smite at random
My way is the way of the wise.

F.G.B.

Vice the Ruination of Man's
Nerves.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.
"Death is cleaner than vice." The
aphorism is one of the many which
embellished the address of Dr. David
Starr Jordan of Stanford University
recently at a mass meeting of the
Young Men's Christian Association,
in Golden Gate Commandery Hall
in San Francisco. Every seat in the
hall was taken by those anxious to
hear the gifted speaker.

Dr. Jordan's subject was "The
Strength of Being Clean." It was
more in the nature of a charming
talk than a formal address and
although rich in didactic epigram it
sparkled with humor.

The speaker declared that vice is
the road to ruin and the path to
failure. The speaker began by say-
ing that the subject was greater
than one man can hope to be. It is
the foundation of manhood.

"It means," he said, "to have a
clean mind, a clean body and clean
nerves. And after all, it is the only
real capital that a man has. A fool
is a man who has no capital of nerves.
Vice destroys the nerves, un-
fits a man for the duties of life and
destroys his ability to accomplish
things. Vice is the injury inflicted
on the human system. It affects
the nervous system and disinte-
grates it.

"That which injures one part of
the nervous system affects all. I
read a sign this morning which said
that beer makes you strong. The
reverse is true. Alcohol destroys
the nerves, turns the nose red and
puts patches on the trousers. It
affects the nervous system. It makes
a man believe he is saying smart
things when he is saying foolish
things. The happiness which comes
from a liquor-befuddled brain is a
delusion. Happiness is real. Vice
never leads to real happiness.

"There is no short cut to hap-
piness through vice. The short cut
to happiness brings a brown taste in
the morning. The man who loses his
nerves has lost his power for success.

It causes him to lose faith in man.
He loses faith in womanhood, be-
lieves the minister is a fraud, religion
a sham and all men hypocrites.
With nerves gone, the victim can't
plan so accurately; he looks on the
wrong side of life.

"Death is cleaner than vice. Death
is better than the loss of the high
opinion of men, of faith in woman
and the loss of ambition and aspira-
tions. Brains is the highest mech-
anism known. There is something
divine about the brain. No chemist
can make a brain cell, and if he
could he couldn't put them together
so that they would remember and
appreciate the marvels of life.

"Vice is another name for wasted
energy. A wise man is one who
knows what to do next. A fool is
one who does not know what to do
now. The body is of no conse-
quence without the brain.

"A merchant going to his office
the other morning, said the world
looks different after a glass of
brandy and soda. Well, he looks
different to the world. There neces-
sarily is no wrong in card playing,
dancing or the theatre, but behind
them is the break up of the nerves.
The harvest of vice is the rounding
up of fools at night. There is no
place more stupid than a saloon un-
less a man is drunk. It takes a sober
brain to appreciate philosophy,
music, art, athletic pleasures and
the highest things in life. One ciga-

rette will unnerve the pitcher and
lose the ball game. It is the virtu-
ous men who are in demand. The
sober man rarely neglects his duty.
Drink and tobacco ruin the nerves."

HOW ADVERTISING PROVED
ITSELF.

Mr. Patsey Parker, the assistant
manager of the People's Store, of
Tacoma, has an interesting story to
tell of what newspaper space has
done for his store, when utilized by
him. Hogan, the manager, and
himself.

"We first went to the People's
Store," Mr. Parker said just before
leaving the city recently for New
York on a purchasing trip, "the
house was doing a large business,
increasing, of course, since Mr.
Hogan assumed the management of
it. In 1906 we did a business of
\$300,000, and in 1907 we went right
in for advertising in the news-
papers. We took three or four
times more space than the store had
been taking, and continued to in-
crease our space. We took pages,
sometimes as high as four, and never
less than two or three, as a rule.
We had the goods, and we told the
people that we had them, so that
they might know as much about our
stock as we did ourselves. The re-
sult was that in checking up our
business for the last year we found
that we had done a million dollar's
worth.

"Mr. Hogan believes that adver-
tising is what brings the business,
and I heartily agree with him. We
are going to outdo all former years
of business this year, and you just
watch us grow."

A QUAIN COMPLIMENT.

On Mark Twain's 72nd birthday,
a Hartford clergyman said to him:
"No wonder he finds happiness in
old age. All the aged would be
happy if they were as sympathetic
and as kind as he. He is continu-
ally going out of his way to please
others, and the result is that he is
continually pleasing himself."

"Listen, for instance, to the
quaint compliment he paid me the
last time he came to hear me preach.
He waited for me at the church door
at the service's end, and shaking me
by the hand, said, gravely:

"I mean no offence, but I feel
obliged to tell you that the preach-
ing this morning has been of a
kind that I can spare. I go to
church, sir, to pursue my own train
of thoughts. But today I couldn't
do it. You interfered with me.
You forced me to attend to you,
and lost me a full half hour. I beg
that this may not occur again."

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as chairmen of the various sections
of the Edmonton Board of Trade,
and will comprise the council of the
Board for 1908, together with Presi-
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1899	368,000.25	55,561.61	423,561.86	798,785.00	1,514,127.61	5.40	10,524,751.00
1900	403,781.37	85,365.17	489,146.54	1,428,635.00	2,013,888.47	5.37	15,408,442.00
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New York Sun: The roly poly, good-natured examining doctor for the life insurance company was telling about some of his examinees.

"Wonderfully healthy lot, from childhood's hour, most of these fellows, to hear them tell it," he said. "Hardly one of them ever had so much as a toothache in all his born days."

"The deadly earnestness with which they tell me these things doesn't become less diverting because I see and hear so much of it. I firmly believe that most of these good fellows believe what they say, at least for the moment."

"I never let on that these examinees are ardently endeavoring to deceive themselves—and me. What would be the use? If they've got themselves to thinking they are right physically and are not, they'll know it when I tell them. If they know that they're not right physically and expect to bluff it through, they're in again for a disillusionment. So my only way, when they're telling me all about how ever blessed in the matter of health they've been all their lives, is to look guileless or wise, or a little of both, and then go ahead and find out, for myself how they measure up physically."

"Only yesterday a weazened but merry-faced little man of 45 or so treated me to an exhibition of what I may call agreeable brass that made it hard for me not to laugh in his face. He told me at the outset that despite his rather poor color, which of course I noticed at once, he was as trig as a new red sled and always had been."

"You'll find that examining me will prove to be a mere matter of form, Doc," he said to me breezily. "The kind of health I pack around with me has been a source of scandal in my neighborhood. Never even had growing pains when I was a boy, nor the earache. Why, say, I've been across the Atlantic half a dozen times, and I never could get even seasick. Guess I was born tough."

"Well, I hadn't had my ear on the left side of him for more than five seconds before I discovered that he had a heart that did its work like a creaky windmill and that stood quite still and skipped a couple of beats just about whenever he felt like it."

"Heart's a little eccentric," I told him. "Whose? Mine?" said he looking greatly mystified. "My heart is eccentric, you say?"

"Yes," I told him. "Decidedly eccentric. It lays off every little while and forgets about its job. Been that way long?"

"Doc, you amaze me," exclaimed the merry-faced weazened little man. "You certainly do. I am shocked. I sure am. My heart wrong? Most astonishing thing I ever heard in my life!"

"Really he was so tremendously in earnest about it that I couldn't determine whether he was giving me an exhibition of skillful acting or whether he really believed that his heart was normal. He appeared to be a keenly disappointed and perturbed little man while he was resuming his apparel, for of course there was no possibility of his being recommended for a policy with his kind of heart. For all his disappointment he handed me a keen little shot when he started out."

"Yes sree," said he, "I certainly am surprised at what you tell me. I'm going to see a medical man about it," and he accentuated "medical man" with such obviously intended malice that I couldn't help but laugh.

"Others, when I am forced to tell them that they have things the matter with them that must cause their rejection for policies, get mad. Several months ago I examined a man who I could see at a glance was in a bad way from habitual heavy drinking."

"You take quite some liquor, I judge," I said to this man.

"Oh, a little," he replied, quite off-hand. "Take a nip when I feel like I want it."

"How often might that be?" I asked him.

"Oh, I don't keep count of my drinks," he came back, flaring a bit.

"I can touch or leave it. Rum is nothing to me."

"Well," I felt in duty bound to tell him then, "you are to understand that I speak purely in a professional sense, and not, of course, censoriously—that's outside my province I am forced to tell you, though, that you are in an extremely bad way from liquor. Your kidneys, I judge, are working under extreme protest, and I imagine that you live in a pretty lathery condition. As you stand now you seem to me to have an excellent chance to develop cirrhosis of the liver, solely of course, because of your excessive indulgence in alcohol."

"He was one of the angriest men I ever examined. He clawed me around and shook his fist and declared that no man could declare him to be a drunkard without having to answer for it, and when he reached his top pitch of violence I simply walked out of the examination room and let him have it to himself."

"It did only the fair thing by that man in telling him where he stood physically. Did he heed it? Well, of course not."

Some men who look as if they ought to know better are more finical even than women with respect to trivial defects in their physical make-ups. Last month I examined a man of forty or so who at once approved himself to me as a good risk.

"He was quite unusually sound in every particular, and, the main examination over, I was winding up with what we call the trimmings—the minor points of the examination. 'Kindly open your mouth as wide as possible,' I requested him, desiring to see his tonsils and such like."

"I could see him stiffen under that request, and I knew the reason why. I had seen as soon as he entered the examination room that he had a whole mouthful, upper and lower rows, of false teeth on plates. This was his sensitive point."

"What's my mouth got to do with this examination?" he asked me, a bit crisply.

"I told him that the mouth screened certain physiological defects and contraptions that had to be passed upon by the medical examiner."

"Well, my mouth's all right," he said curtly. "I guess you can take my word that far. If I'm right in every other essential I guess my mouth's not going to make me a poor risk."

"I had, in order to conform to the company's rules, to insist upon his giving me a view of the interior of his facial orifice. I made a wretched blunder, however, in my effort to mollify him by adverting to his teeth."

"The examination of the mouth," I said, with a significance which I took pains to emphasize, "does not refer wholly to the condition of the teeth, nor indeed, to any lack of natural teeth. Some persons are esteemed fair risks who have no teeth of their own at all, and—"

"That'll be about all the cracks you need to make about my teeth," the oddly sensitive chap broke in upon me then. "My teeth are my own affair and nobody else's" and blessed if he didn't quit in a huff right there, putting on his clothes as if there were a fire in the building, and clumping out like a man grossly insulted."

"There are some men who, when they strip for examination by an insurance company medical examiner really are of the belief that they are carcass perfect, so to speak, and these, as a rule go right up in the air when they're told they have some slight physical defect, even if the defect be not of a disqualifying character."

"Has this varicose vein that is forming on your right leg given you much trouble yet?" I asked a man whom I put through the hopper a while back.

"Varicose vein on my right leg? You're dreaming old boy," he replied, and his air was such that I couldn't doubt that he really did not know that he had such a thing as a varicose vein. "Never met Mister Varicose in my life. You're mistaking me for the last fellow you examined."

"Well, there it is, right enough," and I put my fingers on the vein. "Oh, that's just a protruding ligament or something—nothing like a varicose vein," he was good enough to inform me.

"Well, I couldn't possibly let him get away with so outspoken a denial as that, and to save my professional face I was simply compelled to insist upon it that he had a varicose vein that was developing most industriously. He became as mad as a hornet over what he called my over-worked medical man's imagination, and brought the examination to an abrupt halt right there."

"He was back in a few days, however, told me that he'd been an undersized chipmunk in disputing my word as to that ridge on his leg, and went through with the examination easily enough."

"A big chap who had the scar left by an abscess on his right elbow some years before, grew positively pale when, examining the spot where the abscess had been operated upon, said:

"This looks something like a recurrent abscess. It may be that the trouble there is tubercular."

"Why, I say now, that sounds pretty serious, old man," he said to me. "Tubercular, eh? Well, I'm blowed! who'd ever suppose there could be anything tubercular the matter with a big lumux like me?"

"And there was never any consumption on either side of my family that I ever heard of. Tubercular, hey? Well, what d'ye think of that? Say, let me know the worst that you think about this thing, won't you? I might as well know it if I have some kind of tubercular trouble, and am liable to be whisked off by consumption."

"It took me some time to show or try to show him that a tubercular condition of one of the bones didn't at all mean that the victim of such a minor ill was doomed to die of galloping consumption, and he still looked rather sober about it even when the examination was over he was ready to leave."

The Christ of the Andes

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who bringeth glad tidings;

Who saith unto the nations, "The Lord God reigneth; yea, the righteous God reigneth and cruel war shall cease."

How down ye warring nations and turn ye toward the hills, Yea, worship toward the high hills, From whence cometh strength.

Lo, the chains of hate are broken, The words of peace are spoken; Chile and Argentine Look to the hills between them, There have they placed the token. Even upon the high mountains from whence is their strength.

Over the pampas wide, toiling they brought The statue of Christ that from canon was wrought, Wrought in adoration of the Prince of Peace, To proclaim to all the nations that cruel war must cease.

Men who had served the stern war-god before, O'er the weary mountain passes the massive statue bore

Upward still and upward to the boundary of the lands, Where amongst the mighty mountains peaks forever more it stands.

To all mankind a token That the war-god's chain is broken.

In its hand the cross uplifted O'er those mountains scarred and rifted, Where the pure white snow is drifted,

Where the raging tempests beat All around the sacred feet; Toward the heaven the face is lifted

With expression wondrous sweet, Never more in all these southlands shall the war-god favor meet.

Chile and Argentine have met and kissed upon the boundary line: Now blest be Chile evermore and blest be Argentine.

Hymn of praise through hill tops ringing, Grateful prayer to Heaven winging,

Then each mountain high and hoary Echoing back the blessed story: Never was such song as that!

How the cannon boomed and thundered, And the condor waked and wondered,

On his high perch waked and listened, When the ice like diamonds glistened

Around the ancient habitant, Where for ages he had sat. Frightened were the birds of prey From the mountain tops away

On that grand and glorious day. Lo: Peace has set her sign upon the hills,

And there begun her bright, auspicious day. War nevermore as arbiter of ill Shall in those southlands have imperial sway.

The statue of the loving Christ that stands Upon the boundary of those lands Speaks peace to all, and when the tempests blow

And when the swirling snow, Shot through with light, Weaves aureoles about that sacred form

The cross uplifted still Shall speak his gracious will, Who is the Prince of Peace through calm and storm,

Whose leniency is everlasting might. Look then to the mountains, all ye people of the earth,

List to the message given when the Prince of Peace had birth, Look to the high mountains, and unto you at length

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IN THE ATHLETIC WORLD



The Edmonton Hockey Club exceeded the expectations of their most enthusiastic admirers this week, when they inflicted a double defeat on Portage La Prairie, one of the fastest teams in the Manitoba League and therefore one of the fastest in the Dominion. On Monday the ice was soft and the locals won by 5-4. Wednesday the thermometer took a drop and on a wintry night as we have had all season, the visitors went down again, this time by 8-3. And now the question is being asked why the Stanley Cup should not be challenged for. One thing, however, is necessary, it seems to me, before success is to be hoped for from such a venture. It is necessary have a better organized league and more regular games than we have had in the past. This week's victories were highly creditable, but it must not be forgotten that they were for exhibition purposes only and that the visitors were simply off on a holiday, not seeking any championship. If the games had been played in the Manitoba League, for instance, the result might have been different. We have first class material in the city all right and it is by such games, as those of Monday and Wednesday nights, that it is best developed, but we want more of them and most of all we want more definite organization for the sport.

The Edmonton curling season has been a most successful and enjoyable one. The last series to be played off that for the Edmonton Hurling and Maltling Company trophy was won this week by Mr. A. C. Fraser's rink which defeated Mr. M. J. Thom's aggregation in the finals.

At eight o'clock on Monday night all interested in tennis are requested to be present at the meeting of the Edmonton Tennis Club in the Board of Trade rooms.

Personalia

The Lindsay, Ont., Watchman-Warden of recent date contains a lengthy account of a banquet tendered by the citizens of that town to Mr. Robert Bryans, who is leaving his old home for Sunny Alberta. Mr. Bryans has a farm near Agricola, which he will work for a time.

Later, so he informed his friends in his speech at the banquet, he may move into Edmonton. Among those who joined in paying tribute to his worth were: S. J. Fox, M.P.P., Dr. Jessop, M.P.P., Judge Harding, J.D. Flavell, and many others.

"For a quarter of a century," says the Watchman-Warden, "Mr. Bryans has been most closely identified with the agricultural interests of this district. As a worker in the South Victoria Agricultural Society he has been most prominent. In fact on previous occasions he has been quite aptly referred to as the father of the Lindsay Central Fair, and if deep interest in its progress, and untiring zeal and effort in advancing the prospects of the show, together with unceasing and well-placed work in its behalf, would justify the giving of this title, then certainly Mr. Bryans can truly be called the Father of Our Fair. In the general public interests of the town and country, Mr. Bryans has been for many years a most worthy citizen. He has filled most of the public offices of the town and county, and ever discharged the duties imposed upon him with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people of the district. As a business man, Mr. Bryans has also taken a front position. Not only has he been a successful business man, but, better still, he has throughout retained the fullest confidence of all and his integrity

and fair dealings are too well known to need comment."

Previous to their leaving for the west, a handsome cabinet of silver was presented to Mr. Bryans by the congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and a silver tea service to Mrs. Bryans. To Miss A. W. Bryans the members of St. Paul's Flower Mission presented a handsome volume of Tennyson.

The death is announced at Fort Chippewyan of Mr. Thomas Anderson, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Co. for Mackenzie river district, a man who had many friends in Edmonton. Two years ago he returned to his post in the north, accompanied by Mr. Victor Steffanson, the young Icelandic scientist, and was on his way south when taken ill. Mr. Anderson was a native of Nairnshire, Scotland, where he was born on June 1, 1848. He entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1867, when he was located in the Lake Huron district, where he spent nine years. From there he was transferred to James Bay, where he remained for a couple of years, after which he again returned to the Temistimague, or Lake Huron district, where he spent another six years. His next post was in the Peace river district, where he was stationed at the Lesser Slave lake post, and where he remained for fourteen years; and after that spent four years in the Lake Superior district with headquarters at Nipigon house, Lake Nipigon. From there he was sent to the Saskatchewan district and was stationed at Isle la Crosse. Five years ago he was appointed to the highly responsible position of chief trader of the Mackenzie river district, with jurisdiction over all the company's posts from Fort Smith on the Slave river to Fort Macpherson on the Peel, the last named post being a considerable distance inside the Arctic circle.

He was a man of a quiet and likeable disposition and his death will be a source of keen regret to all who knew him and especially to his confederates in the Hudson's Bay Company. He was a bachelor and had no relations in this country. A sister lives in Florence, Italy. The remains were interred at Chippewyan.

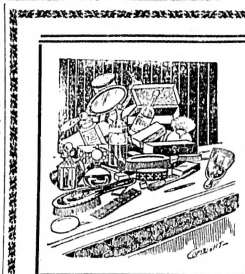
Mr. D. W. Warner, former president of the Alberta Farmers' Association, has returned from a two months' visit to his old home in Nebraska and adjoining states. While away he attended the Dry Farming Congress at Salt Lake City. He reports a very lively interest in everything Canadian.

Mr. Howard Douglas, superintendent of the National Park at Banff, has been appointed commissioner of Dominion Parks. He will have direct supervision over Banff park, also Buffalo, Elk Island Lake, Jasper, Yoho and Glacier parks, and will be entrusted with the important duties of improving and conducting these great beauty spots and health resorts of Canada. Jasper park, which has just been reserved by the Dominion government, lies about one hundred and fifty miles west of Edmonton, and will contain about five thousand square miles of exceptionally beautiful country. Mr. Douglas will superintend the work of laying out these parks, under the direction of the Dominion superintendent of forestry. He will also be entrusted with the fencing of the new Buffalo park near Denbow, on the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The fence will be seventy two miles in length, enclosing in the neighborhood of six full townships. Mr. Douglas has acted as superintendent of the National park at Banff for eleven years, and will be succeeded in that important position by his assistant, George E. Young.

In addition to superintending the parks, Mr. Douglas will be entrusted with the duty of bringing over the balance of the herd of buffalo now in Montana, numbering over three hundred and fifty head. He will also transfer the herd at present in Elk park. This will be done as soon as the fencing is completed, which will likely be early next autumn. Contracts will be called for immediately.

Hon. C. W. Cross left last week for Ottawa and will be gone about three weeks.

Mr. H. P. McMahon of Wood-



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stock, Ont., who has been appointed superintendent of the western branches of the Traders' Bank, with headquarters at Winnipeg, is a brother of Mr. F. B. McMahon, Edmonton.

Rev. Dr. McQueen has gone to Toronto to attend a meeting of the Augmentation and Aged Ministers' Fund committee.

Mr. William Livingston, a hosiery manufacturer of Bathgate, Scotland, has been visiting his son, Mr. Alexander Livingston, of the Caledonian House, Nanaimo Avenue. During his stay here he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land near the new packing plant.

Dr. J. H. King, M.L.A., of Cranbrook, B.C., accompanied by Mrs. King, has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Nobles, Sixth street, this week.

The death is announced of a well known and popular citizen of Hilly River, Mr. C. A. Anderson, a brother of Mr. J. R. Anderson, manager of the Union Bank, Lethbridge.

Mr. W. C. Bowles of Nelson, B.C., formerly stationed at Calgary, has been appointed C.P.R. general freight agent at Winnipeg, as successor to Mr. W. B. Lanigan.

With the Investor

The following despatch from Hazelton, B.C., is of unusual interest to Edmonton. It is needless to point out what a gold mining rush into Northern British Columbia with the extension of the Grand Trunk Pacific would mean to this city. The despatch reads:

"Confirming all previous reports of the remarkable richness of the pay dirt in the new placer goldfields on the Finlay river in Northern British Columbia, James Bates, a prospector, reached here yesterday. He came out via the Government trail built by the Mounted Police last year.

The news has created a sensation here, and scores of people are preparing to join in the stampede as soon as they can get out-fitted. Bates owns several creeks and bench claims. He stated that there is a great deal of unprospected ground which promises to equal the locations already made. He exhibited a pile of large sized nuggets, several of them weighing over three ounces. He stated that it is not uncommon to wash gravel which goes from \$1 to \$3 a pan. About twenty miners are wintering at the diggings. They are short of provisions, and it is his intention to pack in several loads of supplies.

A dozen people have already left here for the new goldfields. Thus far four different outfits have arrived here from outside points on their way to the Finlay river. The number includes Frank Watson, who left Vancouver a month ago. They travelled overland from Kitimat. Mr. Bates is a placer miner with extensive experience in the Yukon. He states that the new fields promise to rival the Klondike and that there is an enormous area of auriferous country which will prove well worth prospecting. Sluicing operations will not be resumed until the middle of April.

However backward the season may be in the United States, where the rigors of the Presidential election season have followed a very cold financial fall, the signs are un-

pleasant, an exchange points out, that the sap is beginning to move in the Canadian commercial and industrial twigs and branches. Two Canadian loans, \$15,000,000 issued by the Dominion and \$5,000,000 issued by the Grand Trunk Pacific, were over subscribed in London last week, and Winnipeg, after trying to get rid of its bonds for months, suddenly finds the Bank of Montreal most accommodating and is able to arrange for the floating of a \$7,500,000 loan, \$1,000,000 of which will remain on hand for anticipated expenditure, while as much more as is required up to \$2,000,000 will be provided by overdraft. While, however, money is being found for Canada and while everybody in the West is getting ready for great developments next summer, the clearing house certificate is still in use in the United States and although things there are better than they were they are by no means good, nor is the amelioration progressing very rapidly. Canada suffered with its big neighbor for the recklessness of the latter but the demonstration of the soundness of its own financial methods which it was able to give amid the stress and strain of last autumn is now having its effect. The British investor, alarmed by what he has seen in the Republic, is now turning the stream of gold towards the Dominion. Canada, at last, has the ear of the great world of finance. Australia's experiments in tariffs and still more her experiments in legislation are not attractive to capital. South Africa had her day years ago and there is less disposition in London to send money to the "bare brown continent" than to enquire for returns on that which has already gone there. Canada alone is left and, it happens that just as the doors of opportunity seem to have closed elsewhere they are flung wide open here from the Great Lakes to the Pacific.

Note and Comment

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it, in order to counteract the many false notions that have gone out regarding our climatic conditions. What a contrast there has been in other parts of the country is evident from the following, taken from a recent issue of the London, Ontario, Advertiser:

"Railroad men are sincerely hoping that Sunday's storm is the last of the season, and are unanimously of the opinion that this winter has been the worst for blockading in the history of Canadian railroading. Never, they claim, have the roads been tied up for such long periods and by such a regular series of storms as during the last six weeks. The loss already amounts to more than half a million dollars, and the loss of trade consequent upon their not being able to move goods is very heavy.

"The lines north of Stratford are still paralyzed and an order has gone forth to ticket agents to sell no tickets for points north of Stratford. It is many years since this winter the company has been compelled to issue the order several times. The Bruce line has fared a little better, and this morning the first train since Saturday evening got through. All the available Grand Trunk snowplows are being concentrated in the district north of Stratford, and it is expected that by tomorrow morning trains will be got through."

Mr. J. Bruce Walker, Commissioner of Immigration at Winnipeg, has written to Mr. Harrison,

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secretary of the Edmonton Board of Trade, asking that everything possible be done towards enabling the immigrants, who are expected to arrive in the country from March 20th, to get in touch with the farmers, who are in need of help. By a little effort along these lines, much can undoubtedly be done towards giving the new comers a favorable impression of the country, while the farmers will be greatly benefited by being enabled to secure the proper kind of assistance. It has always been the policy of the local Board of Trade to render all possible aid to the new comer and it is Secretary Harrison's intention to do all in his power this season to carry out the wish expressed in Mr. Walker's letter. Active co-operation on the part of people in both town and country is, however, desirable.

The Young Liberals of Strathcona have chosen the following officers: Honorary president, Hon. Dr. Rutherford and Dr. McIntyre, M.P. President, John J. McKenzie. Vice pres. Dr. J. M. Holton; secretary treasurer, Dr. J. C. Wainwright. Executive committee of fifteen members: J. G. Tipton, W. G. Congdon, Pat Walsh, T. P. Malone, Robt. Ritchie, Wm. Lang, Jas. M. Douglass, A. G. Baam, N. D. Mills, J. Pithy, Clover Bar; Ernest Joshannan, Clover Bar; Chas. Elliott, Sandy Lake, Jas. Groves, White Mud; John Govenlock, Ellerslie; T. H. Stewart, Rabbit Hills.

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Monday, March 23rd
Tuesday, April 21st
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Monday, November 23rd
Monday, December 21st

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Tuesday, July 14th
Tuesday, October 13th.

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Tuesday, July 7th
Tuesday, November 3rd

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Wednesday, November 4th

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Tuesday, July 21st
Tuesday, November 17th.

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Wednesday, May 20th
Wednesday, July 22nd
Wednesday, November 18th

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Tuesday, June 2nd
Tuesday, October 6th
Tuesday, December 1st

VEGREVILLE.
Thursday, June 4th
Thursday, October 8th
Thursday, December 3rd.

LLOYDMINSTER.
Tuesday, June 16th
Tuesday, October 20th.
Tuesday, December 15th

VERMILION.
Wednesday, June 17th
Thursday, October 22nd.
Thursday, December 17th.

INNISPRE.
Thursday, June 18th
Wednesday, October 21st
Wednesday, December 6th.

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Wednesday, July 22nd
Wednesday, November 4th.

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Thursday, July 23rd
Thursday, November 5th

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Mon., Mar. 16, "The Belle of Richmond"	Wednesday, Mar. 17, "East Lynne"	Friday, Mar. 20, "Northern Lights"
Tuesday, Mar. 17, "Dixie Land"	Thursday, Mar. 18, "In Old Kentucky"	Sat., Mar. 21, "Ten Nights in a Bar Room"

Music and the Drama

Referring to a note apropos of Sir Frederick Bridge's visit to Western Canada which appeared in this department last week the following telegraphic message has been received from Calgary:

"I am sure your well known spirit of fairness will ensure the correction of a false impression created by your comment on the omission of Edmonton from the list of Canadian cities in which Sir Frederick Bridge is to conduct a series of festival concerts in May. Mr. Frank Wrigley and I were asked to organize the choir for Calgary and when Dr. Harris told us Edmonton was to be left out we urged him to rearrange his dates so as to include Edmonton and offered to give every assistance toward that end. Upon his answering we telephoned Mr. Barford at Edmonton; but Mr. Barford said that owing to other musical enterprises that were occupying their attention there, it would not be possible for Edmonton to get up a large chorus for the festivals and of course the matter had to be dropped as far as Edmonton was concerned. Dr. Harris will tell you that we gave him an excellent account of Edmonton enterprise, musical and otherwise, and your playful hint about his hearing 'disfavourable reports' here of Edmonton is utterly unjustified.

John J. Young.

Previous to receipt of Mr. Young's telegram, the writer of this column had already heard of the facts set forth and greatly regrets that an injustice was done Calgary musicians in the paragraph referred to. His information regarding the project was wholly obtained from a Calgary newspaper, in which extended reference was made to Sir Frederick's tour, and to Dr. Harris's recent visit to the coast cities, to Calgary and to Winnipeg in connection with it. No mention was made of Edmonton and it was reasonable to suppose from the newspaper article in question that Calgary was the only place in Alberta being considered. The matter had been mentioned to several Edmonton musicians and so far as any of them knew, there had been no communication with this city. It was only after last week's article appeared that the information regarding the long distance telephone message was tendered the Saturday News.

It is regrettable that advantage of Sir Frederick Bridge's visit cannot be taken. But early in May, the Alberta musical festival will take place in this city, in connection with which a great deal of labor devolves upon Edmonton musicians, while previous to hearing from Dr. Harris, the Operatic Society had decided to produce "Pinafore" towards the end of Month.

One of the very best repertoire companies that has ever visited Edmonton has been holding the boards at the Opera House the past week. We refer to the Arlington Comedians. The company is unusually strong both in numbers and ability.

All the plays presented—a different one each evening—were new to our theatre goers, and were admirably presented. Those that met with the greatest favor were "An American Girl," and "Under Two Flags," although all of them were of decided interest and merit.

The company has an unusually strong feature in their celebrated Polmatier Sisters Ladies' Orchestra. These young ladies are charming

musical artists. Their ensemble and solo playing has rarely been surpassed in this city. This is not the first visit of these talented sisters to Canada, and they have hosts of friends. Their music is a real treat. The comedians with the company call for special comment. On Wednesday night, for instance, in "The Bosom Friend of Bowser," Mr. Tronadale as Melvin Meekman and Mr. Fraser as Prof. Travis Maltby kept the audience in roars of laughter.

Another very strong feature of this company is the three unusually clever and talented little girls of fourteen, known as Inez, Ady and Helen. Their musical specialties were warmly applauded night after night.

The company will remain this coming week and will present the following plays: This (Friday) night "Arizona," Augustus Thomas greatest play of military life in the west. Tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, "Queen's Evidence," and Saturday night the wonderful Southern drama "Sandy Bottom." The coming week will be an admixture of old and new favorites, Monday night "The Belle of Richmond," A special St. Patrick's Day matinee, Tuesday, March 17th, "Kathleen Mavourneen." Tuesday night "Dixie Land." Wednesday night, the great society drama "East Lynne." Thursday night "In Old Kentucky." Friday night the greatest of all military plays "Northern Lights." On Saturday matinee, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and closing on Saturday night with "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." Each of these plays should be good for a capacity house, but particularly "Northern Lights," which is written on a theme of interest to all. It tells the story of the Indian uprising in Montana and portrays the principal features of the war and vividly pictures in one thrilling climax a glorious fight and the horrible massacre of General Custer and his gallant command, June 25th, 1876.

The Polmatier Sisters will give their musical program each night one half hour before the curtain rises, starting at 8 o'clock.

The company does not claim to be an all star aggregation, but the Saturday News has no hesitation in saying that anyone who desires an evening of solid enjoyment should not fail to witness their work. Their performances are many times worthier of patronage than the great majority of those conducted along more amiable lines.

CLAY CLEMENT.

The management of the Opera House announce as their feature attraction for the season Mr. Clay Clement and his New York company who open here for an engagement of one week starting Monday March 23.

That this is an extraordinary company to bring to Edmonton will at once be seen by reading the criticism of Mr. Arthur A. Greene, dramatic critic for the Portland Oregonian.

"Since the lamented Mansfield died at the very apex of his career, those of us who take the stage seriously and believe it has a mission larger and more significant than the mere amusement of the unthinking mob, have been groping about in search of a successor to him. Some man among the many exponents of the art of Thespis must perform rise above the commonality and be

a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

"Now in this search we have considered many names and taken cognizance of many abilities. The art of portraying human emotions and setting forth upon the mimic stage the motives which actuate our fellows whether in the stress of deepest trial of the lighter phases of life as it is lived from day to day, has come to be recognized as one of the greatest to which men lend their abilities. Leadership in this art of acting carries many responsibilities. The stage has a large and well defined mission. It performs a decidedly important function in the life of a nation. It is a serious matter in spite of the shoddy trivialities which have lowered the standard of dramatic art in this and other countries.

"The stage is looking for a leader and thinking people may well devote some attention to considering the claims of those who aspire to the larger achievements of the acting part.

"After having seen Clay Clement in a number of roles, and following some analysis of his methods and efforts, I feel constrained to say in all seriousness, as one who loves the stage and its best traditions, that here is a man who comes near filling the armor of the elder giants than any man who essays acting today. I thoroughly detect fulsome praise.

"The prodigal waste of adjectives in adulation of mummies has cheapened criticism to the point of making it unworthy of consideration. Therefore, it is with no desire to do more than sheer justice that I proclaim Clay Clement's performance of Mathias in "The Belle," one of the foremost achievements of the present day drama. He appeared in the role at the Marquand last night and grasped a discriminating audience with the firm grip of a master.

Portland has seen the famous old tragedy before. If I am correctly informed, Sir Henry Irving played it here. At all events, it was not a novelty when offered by Mr. Clement and his capable company last night. His conception of the part differs from Irving's in many respects, but it is not by any means certain that it is not better than that of the great Englishman. For instance, Irving made Mathias a sinister, sin-haunted creature, suffering the pangs of remorse from the very beginning of the play and continuing on that unvarying line until the culmination of the drama. His sin has found him out so ostensibly that all the world must see and the author sits in wonderment that the others in the story do not discover his secret long before the denouement.

"This does not seem the logical way. Mathias was burgomaster, a successful politician, beloved and trusted by his fellow citizens. Therefore he must have possessed the social qualities. In some measure at least he must have been of the popular 'good fellow' type. He must have laughed and sighed with his people. He must have been a good hand-shaker, a 'mixer,' a genial, sympathetic man. Else he would never have become burgomaster. Mr. Clement takes this view of the matter and developing his portrait from this premise, he seems to me a much truer artist, seeking truth for truth's sake, than any other man who appeared in the part on an English-speaking stage.

"There is always perspective in the picture he draws. Through the medium of contrast the spectator is impressed with the light and shade which the author wrote into this wonderful character. When retribution drives him at last into the hell of remorse, the torture of his damned soul is revealed so sharply that it is impossible to misunderstand the punishment that Fate metes out to him.

"Because Clay Clement absolutely sinks the personality of the actor, because he shows so clearly the character of Mathias the murderer, and through the veneer of pretense of life as a public man must live it, in fear and trembling, but outward confident and worthy, his performance is a master-work among the greatest in a fine field of mummery."

Government of the Province of Alberta Notice to Steam Engineers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an examination will be held by Mr. David Fraser, a duly appointed Inspector of Steam Boilers for the Province of Alberta, at Edmonton (Houston's Hall), March, 16th; St. Albert, March 17th; Morinville, March 18th; Stony Plain, March 20th; Pt. St. Asaph, March 25th; Strathcona, (Opera House,) April 4th; Leduc, April 13th; Millet, April 14th; Wetaskiwin, (Prince of Wales Hotel), April 15th, at 9 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of giving engineers and apprentices an opportunity of qualifying for Certificates under the provisions of the Steam Boilers Act, 1906.

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"The man from Winnipeg sauntered by
In his big coon coat with a collar high.
We said it was cold, and he answered
"True."
As he gazed aloft at the sky so blue.
He sighed and whistled and slapped his leg.
He seemed to be thinking of
Winnipeg.

It was six below, and we wondered
if
He was used to that. He gave a sniff
As men from Winnipeg often do.
And he said "I'm accustomed to
twenty two."

"How do you stand it?" we made
reply.
He shuffled a little, then told a lie.
And this the story he told us then.
"It gets to forty now and again,
Those days, perhaps, we may find it
cool.
For the blackboards freeze in the
public school
But if its twenty or there about
We wear no coat when we're walk-
ing out.

For Winnipeg air is exceedingly
dry,
(Sing ho, for the man who told a lie)
The northern winds may rise and
blow,
And the mercury reach twenty six
below,
(It's a beautiful lie, let no one steal
it)
It may be cold but you never feel
it."

"But here in Toronto, beside the
lake,
The air is damp, and my goodness
sake,
It's colder here when it's two below,
And the eastern breezes fiercely
blow,
Than it is up there when it's forty.
Why?
Because the Winnipeg air is dry."

Yet the Winnipeg man wasn't
lying. His climate isn't for a
moment to be compared with that
of Alberta, where the average tem-
perature is away above that of Mani-
toba, but in what he says about the
difference between the cold of the
east and the west he was sticking
strictly to the facts.

At one of the many gay affairs
that preceded Lent this conver-
sation was heard:
Hornee—My! This floor's slippery.
It's hard to keep on your feet.
Evelyn (his partner)—Oh! then
you were really trying to keep on
my feet? I thought it was ac-
cidental.

The Prince of Wales is coming out
to the Quebec celebration, but as he
can only stay a week, he will not be
able to visit other parts of the coun-
try. His Royal Highness is in hard
luck, as everyone has known that
the great disappointment of his last
trip was his failure to visit Edmon-
ton and that every time he has read
the pamphlets of the Board of Trade,
or heard how Jasper Avenue really
was going up, he has given himself a
mental kick.

John Laurence Toole, the most
popular low comedian of his day,
once gave a supper to eighty of his
friends, and wrote a note to each
of them privately beforehand, ask-
ing him whether he would be so
good as to say grace, as no clergy-
man would be present. It is said
that the faces of those eighty men
as they rose in a body when Toole
tapped on the table, as a signal for
grace was a sight which will never
be forgotten.

Stella—But you don't seem to
grasp the meaning, I'll try to
make myself a little more plain.
Mabel—Don't do anything rash,
dear. One is foolish to interfere
with the work of nature.

Poetic Bridge-room—I could sit
here forever, gazing into your eyes
and listening to the wash of the
ocean.

Practise Bride—Oh, that reminds
me, darling. We have not paid our
laundry bill yet.

"Why are you so sensitive, old
man?"
"My salary has been raised \$5 a
week."

"Is that what makes you so sad?"
Perhaps you get your employer
to put it back to the old figure."

"I've just been calculating a little,
and I find that by putting aside an
extra \$5 every week between now
and Easter I'll still be \$10 or \$15
short of the price of the new hat my
wife will insist on buying on the
strength of the raise."

**Fable of the Young Man
Who lived for an Ideal.**

Once upon a time there was a
young man with many ideals. A
balloon couldn't ascend as high as his
lowest reflection, and the ambition
of his thoughts was only limited
by the confines of the universe.
At frequent intervals he went into
a caucus and held a conference with
himself, and after each of these
gatherings he saw more and more
clearly that he was one out of
many.

He saw visions.
He dreamed dreams.
His visage began to reflect his
manner of thinking and his expres-
sion was like unto that of one who
suffers much but who tries to be
patient.

And particularly did he disdain
one institution—a dislaid so pecu-
liar that if Methuselah had started
to guess it in his cradle and had
kept right at it, he would have died
first.

Was it free education? No.
Was it constitutional government?
No.

Was it the right of trial by jury?
No.
It was an institution greater than
any of these; it was an institution
that comprised them all; it was an
institution that began with the be-
ginning of time and which has been
growing in importance ever since;
a world-wide institution; a popular
institution; and an institution with-
out which this old world would
quickly cease to wag.

It was in short, that institution
known as Young Ladies.

He thought they were foolish.
He thought they were giddy.
He listened to their conversation
and shuddered, and when they gig-
gled he mused in his heart and
cried, "Alas! alas!"

Yes, especially did their speech
pain him and bit by bit he fashioned
in his mind an ideal girl.
This ideal girl never said foolish
things.
This ideal girl never said giddy
things.

Her conversation was clear, pre-
cise and logical, and as for giggling,
she would die first.

In the privacy of his soul he often
spoke to his ideal and she talked back
to him.

"Political economy," he would
say to her, "no longer attracts the
attention of the multitude."
"Wherein I see," she answered,
"a sinister sign of the times, for it
is a study that can only be in har-
mony with the best intellectual
tendencies of any age."

And he rejoiced.
"The ignorance of the masses," he
mentioned to her, "fills me with
doubts of the possibility of immor-
tality."

"Let us then consider Buddhism,"
she said, "which does not acknow-
ledge the existence of an indepen-
dent soul, but which regards Nir-
vana as being synonymous with
Extinction!"

And he was glad.

For many years he sought to re-
alize his ideals, but one by one he
set them aside as unattainable.
No longer did he seek to regen-
erate the world.
He merely wished to eat.
No longer did he devise systems
of taxation which would revolution

ize all known methods of govern-
ment.

He merely wished to eat.

He pondered no more upon the
teachings of the nebular hypothesis.
He thought no more of the com-
parative study of Brahminism and
Shintoism.

He merely wished to eat.

After many hungry days he found
a place as a collector of rents for
an agent of real estate and day by
day he gathered worldly wisdom.

He learned sly tricks.

He acquired a stock of quips and
jests and sorrowing humanity
touched his heart no more.

He was there to get the money.

He became skilled in sprightly re-
partee.

And invariably did he get the
money.

He grew stylish in his dress.

He wore a seal ring.

He adorned himself with an edged
vest.

And he glorified his eager feet in
patent leather shoes.

One day when he called at a new
flat to collect the rent a saucy young
lady, humming a tune and chewing gum,
"Ah, there!" said he.

To which she answered, "Go chase
yourself!"

"I've come for the rent," said he,
"but I hope it isn't ready."

To which she answered, "Like fun
you do."

"Honest!" said he, "because then
I can come again."

To which she answered, "You're a
fresh guy."

"Not this time," said he.

"I mean business. Say I could
lend to love you if you'd give me
half a chance."

To which she answered, "Gee,
what a nerve! Well, the rent ain't
ready, see?" and she closed the door.

He called again.

And yet again he called.

He called upon her mother, he
met her after and he took her to all
the theatres.

"You're my little bright-eyes, you
are," he told her one night. "Do
you know it?"

She chewed her gum and answered
him, "Hub-huh!"

"Say, what's the use waiting? I'm
ready to get married if you are
Ready?"

She chewed her gum and answered
"Hub-huh!"

"Say," said he, "I've got a peach
of a ring. Wait—it's in my overcoat
pocket."

He went out into the hall and as
he was returning with the ring his
ideal girl suddenly appeared and
walked behind him, saying:

"Is this, then, to be the end? Are
intellectual attainments to be sub-
merged?"

He threw his heel back and
fetched the ideal a kick right deli-
cately across the shins and as she
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Upon the dresser's pewter row,
Just so the shadows used to dance
In winters long ago.

The dog lay stretched at ease, the cat
Blinked in her wisdom old,
And here together, on the mat,
We read the Book of Gold.

Hans Anderson our wizard was,
Whose magic opened doors
For many a dainty waif to pass
Across our homely floors.

Our castle was the inglenook,
Deep by the crackling hearth,
And all the lowering winds we shook
With melody of mirth.

Alas! the dream Our eyes are wet
In that invasive shade
Of memory. But children yet
Shall play where once we played!

—C.K.B.

Follows the letter of which I told you a week ago:

Peggy Mavourneen,—Many a time and oft as I read your vivacious pages I say to myself: "Now, I shall just write to Peggy and tell her how good that is!" But I was born lazy—or let us be euphonious and say TIRED—and so I never do. But I feel a nascent desire to write and tell you how UNGOOD something is, I become quite rested—and I am NOT Irish, and I HATE a fight! So you may explain the paradox as you please.

But O Peggy, Peggy, what HAS some nasty horrid woman been doing to you, to rouse you to jib the whole unfeeling sex with such venomous little arrows as those that came a flying from your bow a fortnight since, when you sweepingly wrote the whole sex down as heartless, soulless wretches, made up of hatred, malice and all uncharitableness? Be honest and confess that you wrote in heat and that now that your angry passions have cooled you don't believe a word of it yourself! I know quite a number of women, Peggy, I do really, all shapes, sizes, times, ages, and dispositions, and of it them all I could count the really malicious ones on the fingers of one hand. We DO gossip, Peggy. We, meaning not women alone, but the whole human race (did you not yourself murmur something about the cream of slander coming through the men's clubs?). From the moment each of us finds his tongue until that energetic little member is stilled in the grave, we give ourselves with diligence and enthusiasm to "the proper study of mankind," finding the little doings and sayings of our neighbors of great interest and entertainment. And this is surely right, for we all know how narrow minded, hard, unsympathetic, unhuman and queer is that rare individual who has no concern in the affairs, good or bad, of his fellows. But the gentle habit of GOSSIPING, my Peggy, to which I cheerfully plead guilty for the human race, is a thing far removed from the ugly vice of SLANDERING, to which harsh impeachment, for the world of women at large I stoutly plead innocence.

I grant you that gossiping in Edmonton does at times run its little bark a trifle closer to the Niagara of malice and false witness than is either wise or commendable. But we are occasionally confronted by a tendency (ALWAYS in others, never in OURSELVES, of course!) to state as facts some not too flattering little tale of so-and-so which is only conjecture or suspicion, or at best circumstantial evidence on the part of her who sets forth the ugly details as one having authority. But I have found among the ordinary whole-souled, decent-minded, warm-hearted Christian women in Edmonton, as elsewhere, a distinct inclination to suppress and forget any little damaging knowledge she may happen to possess regarding the past of some man or woman who is honestly trying to live it down, and striving earnestly to walk worthily honored among men.

As for the few parties where the piece de resistance is a huge dish of slander and where no one and no thing is discussed but one's friends and their more or less—but preferably MORE—sensational doings, O Peggy my dear, WHOSE tea cups have you been draining of late?

My friends are cut out of very much the same material as yours, I imagine, and yet when we were gathered with a rag of fancy work between our fingers as an excuse for a long afternoon's genial chat, we to NOT spend the whole time in breaking the sixth, and the ninth, and—yes, the eighth—for who "robs me of my good name," etc.—commandments. We are not more profound, more well read, more virtuous, more intellectual or more bril-

liant than the average woman possessing the ordinary education and mental attributes and attainments of our class, but nevertheless we DO find other topics than our neighbor's peccadilloes to discuss. We truly do, Peggy! We may remark en passant, that Mrs. P.'s new dress does NOT fit very well; that Mrs. T.'s baby is not growing up as pretty as it promised, or that it is extremely foolish of Mrs. Z. to let young Biffiana dance round her as he does; but you could not exactly call that SLANDER, could you? And we seldom venture remarks more venomous or malicious than these.

The travelled ones exchange reminiscences; we discuss the books we are reading, with more or less laudatory or discriminating local theatrical attractions, current social functions, babies, cooking, and—I must shamefully confess it at times, servants! But this last, as a rule, only when some distraught housekeeper's domestic tribulations have become greater than she can reasonably be expected to bear in silence! Apropos to the remarks we make regarding Mrs. P., and Mrs. Z., truth compels me to admit this much, my Peggy, that since taking up my abode in this charming city of Edmonton, it has always seemed to me that there is more of this small little-tattle in Edmonton than in any other place that I have lived in.

Harmless little little-tattle it is, of what Mrs. Y. thinks of Mrs. B, and what Mrs. Q. said to Mrs. L., etc., etc. It amounts to a row of beans (or is it a hill), and it is all unimportant and uninteresting enough to be perfectly innocuous, but it IS small. Yes, Peggy, it certainly IS small and highly objectionable and may lead, if not checked, to the greater evil you are already deploring as having arrived. So when you say you are sorry you stooped to slander your sex, honest Peggy, it might be well for you to your own able manner to pen a warning to the gentle gossip of the town, lest, forgetting that evil is usually "wrought from want of thought," they heedlessly allow themselves to drift from the stream of harmless personal chatter on which they now float easily into the turbulent river of scandal-mongering which is bound to carry them sooner or later into the maelstrom of—well, you may finish the metaphor; it is a very pretty figure w., in properly treated but unfortunately I am tired again!

I meant to write about several other things, but methinks this looks almost long enough. I wonder if you will waste time reading it. Well, my dear, if this does not make you too AWFUL mad, I'll drop in and say the rest another day. Till then, sweet Peggy, farewell, and may luck forever attend thee!

P.S.—Have just read your bank article. It is CAPITAL. However did you spin out so much interesting reading-matter from one cold old building?

After this extremely able defence of the women of Edmonton, it appears to be the better part of valor for me to gracefully retire from the combat, before I become even more unpopular than I apparently am at present. And being a woman—and fond of a last word—before the curtain descends showing me and my position put to utter rout—I would like to suggest a little epilogue and say that even for that eagerly-desired epithet of "honest," I can't forswear my stand behind the article and the article and plained of was written in heat and as a result of some unkind personal experience—may even that it was evolved to make "good copy," as one kind friend has suggested. It was written because it expressed my honest sentiments, because it summed up the result of a rather long and thoughtful consideration of parties, in every situation in which I have been thrown since coming to Edmonton. Remember I do not contend that all women who sit in town—or elsewhere—are gossipers but I do maintain that the general tendency at the Capital is to titillate one's heart-to-heart a good deal more than is wise or commonly kind.

I think I am as fond of my own sex as the next woman. It is because I realize the splendid qualities of heart and mind and industry, all their petty meannesses, that I deprecate the shallow tendencies to which I have made reference. It is because I am thoughtful and kind, and I realize the harm that idle, senseless rumors are so potent to kill and injure in their far-reaching consequences that I have laid such stress on the word "honest."

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that a small circle of average women can get together and say "harmless" things over their sewing and tea cups without mischief resulting, I can not believe. In even the chosen twelve was there not a Judas? That the women are gentlewomen born is no security that they have gentle instincts, gentle tongues. Unhappily position counts more in these days than natural refinement, and so provides an open sesame to the common gossips to walk in and do their mischief.

A general and kindly interest in each other's affairs is highly commendable, a prying, peeping-Tom attitude is beneath the dignity of any one.

Whose tea cups have I been draining of late? So many, that no one can take the remark as personal. Some, where there have been no tea leaves, no fortune in the bottom; others where there were many drops, the ones I have told you of.

Personally I would rather deal with an out-and-out woman, branded "malicious" for all to see and know—than with her so-called harmless sister who "never meant any harm," but causes a heap of trouble nevertheless.

There is a pleasant side beyond all this "over the teacups." The cheery, helpful chats with the women one loves and trusts while sipping the social beverage, the parties where the atmosphere is so clear that an unkind look, or a sneering reference is an impossibility. To such women I take off my hat, they are the salt of the earth, the leaven that leaveneth the sordid mass of common gossips and light-weight femininity. I know a great many such in Edmonton, I know a great many of the other kind. As to the male gossip, he is such an atrocity he isn't worth consideration.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pagant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and can
A Stander-ly

As becomes the Lenten season, social news, so far as I can learn, is simply non-existent. In place of parties, popular women are devoting their time to the display of talent for the benefit of their church, some making bread, others cakes, biscuits, and every manner of tempting home made dainties, the proceeds of which will go to deserving objects.

Quiet and peace and penance reign in the land and the women are already showing the benefit of it.

On Wednesday Mrs. Biggar had a "good-bye" tea for Miss Gooderham, who leaves shortly for her home in Toronto, when the guests were mostly the girl friends of the guest of honor, with a small sprinkling of the younger matrons.

Everything, as goes without saying, where this young hostess is concerned, was very well done indeed, the cheery living room with its blazing grate fire being a happy rendezvous for the thirty or forty guests who dropped in in the midst of a heavy snow storm raging without.

Mrs. Biggar had donned a charming little Empire frock of pale blue silk crepe for the occasion, with touches of exquisite Rose point lace and long soft effect, and looked very sweet and girlish.

The tea room, with its antique oak table, centered by a brass jardiniere of feathery fern, two smaller pots, and vases of exquisite narcissus on a centerpiece of filmy tulle over pale green silk, was very much admired. Here Mrs. Pardee poured tea and Mrs. Almon served the ices, while a bevy of attractive assistants passed delicious dainties. Among them I noticed Miss Supple, Mrs. Sommerville and Miss Marjorie Brown.

Miss Gooderham received with Mrs. Biggar wearing a smart white taffeta waist with handsome lace insertion, a trig skirt, and a fetching hat of pale pink felt with a knot of violets and wreath of foliage. Since coming to town this bright, unaffected girl has made a great many friends, all of whom will regret her departure, and hence before long for a return visit.

Among the guests who assembled to bid her bon voyage were: Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Bowers, Madame

Thibaudeau, Mrs. Cautley, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Percy Hardisty, Mrs. Swaisland, Mrs. Jack Anderson, Mrs. Hislop, Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. Charlesworth, Mrs. Frank Sommerville, Mrs. Calderon, Mrs. Harvey of Orillia, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Donald W. McDonald, Miss B. Beck, Miss Supple, Miss Ferris, Miss Connie Rhodes, Miss Taylor, Miss Bourchier, Miss Marjorie Brown, Miss Mary Harris, Miss Murphy, Miss Abby Sommerville, Miss Tilly Miss Viva Sommerville and Miss Bate of Ottawa.

The new Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire recently formed in Edmonton will be known as Mistanuk Chapter. This is the Cree name for badger, which was the old emblem of the Edmonton H.B. district. The officers are: Mrs. Percy Hardisty, regent; Mrs. Swaisland, vice regent; Mrs. Kirkpatrick, secretary; and Mrs. Thibaudeau, standard bearer.

Miss Violet McIlree of Regina, who has been visiting in Edmonton for some time, is at present the guest of Mrs. Strickland at Fort Saskatchewan.

Miss Duncan, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. F. S. Jackson, has gone to visit another sister, Mrs. Anderson, of Lethbridge.

The Edmonton Operatic Society have decided to produce "Pina fore" towards the end of May, when everyone expects them to repeat the triumph which they achieved last spring in "The Pirates of Penzance."

The High River Times contains the following account of a unique social function, which took place in that town immediately preceding the coming of Lent: The ball and cotillion which was eagerly looked forward to by so many people, came off last Monday, and as expected proved to be the most successful event of the sort not only in the town but in Western Canada.

The town hall, in itself attractive, presented a festive appearance with its softly colored lights and with flags and bunting, particularly the corner where all the favors were most artistically arranged in neribon baskets.

The supper, which was more elaborate than usual, as befitted the occasion, was served on the stage, the tables profusely decorated with pink roses and carnations. Young girls in white and blue badges kindly gave their attention to the numerous guests during the supper.

Souvenir programs containing instructions about the cotillion were given to the guests.

The ball opened with ordinary dances, which continued up to 11 o'clock, when Mr. R. Le Mavut and Mrs. T. W. Robertson opened the cotillion by offering to the guests pink carnations, brought in a cartly trimmed with vari-colored ribbons—these were presented by the men to their cotillion partners.

The figure of the broom, candle and fan proved most amusing to onlookers, who were not very sympathetic towards the poor young men who expecting to be chosen as the favored partners, were given either a broom, candle or in despair had to console themselves with dancing with the lady's chair.

The ladies' hats presented by the Marquisse de Roussy de Sales proved the most admired favor of the evening. Those whose partners good taste secured for them dire-toire hats were the envy of their companions, as they were so unusually becoming. Gainsborough hats and dainty butterflies were also most becoming, and the whole effect really enchanting.

The memorandum books and pretty paper muffs were given by Madame Limoges.

Mrs. C. Clark had chosen for the ladies' favors pretty Japanese fans, and a collection of amusing toys for the men.

The dainty pompadour silk sachets and statuettes were given by Mrs. T. W. Robertson.

One of the most popular figures was the railway "ticket office," which was really most ingeniously made of screenings, trimmed with yellow and red and the large letters C.P.R. in silver paper and made realistic by the "empressment" with which the guests rushed to secure their ticket. One husband and wife were delighted to find their

tickets carried them to the same destination—Timbuctoo and one man looked in vain for a partner to accompany him to Cork.

Paper flowers and ribbon rosettes, which were presented by the Countess de Foras were most effectively disposed on a wheat covered fern carried by the leaders of the cotillion.

It would take too much space to describe all the figures, but we must not omit mentioning the last and prettiest of all. The "Farandale" which requires all the skill of the leaders to carry it through successfully. The lookers on pronounced the "Farandale" with its complicated figures and bright colored "Houettes" held by the ladies, an effective and fitting termination to a truly brilliant affair.

Mrs. Kenneth B. Mackenzie will receive for the first time since coming to Edmonton, at the Cecil Hotel, on Wednesday, March 18th, and afterwards on the first and second Thursdays.

Peggy

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John C. Saul of the Morang Co., Toronto, who is in the city this week, says the first of the readers ordered from that company by the Alberta Government will be ready for shipment in three weeks.

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